

Town of Lunenburg

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

January 6, 2016

7:00 PM

Ritter Memorial Building

960 Massachusetts Avenue

Tom Bertram, Todd Dwyer, Jack Rabbitt, Brad Kennedy, Carl Luck, Ken Jones, Matt Marro

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Rabbitt: concerned about hours Adam will keep committee updated

Matt Marro: to stay till mid-summer hours all day on Tuesdays and 2 hours/day rest of week

Adam Burney is looking for budget with a list of requests. Carl Luck replies Matt Marro has already sent budget to Adam

Jack informs members that Adam has approved monies for training and for attending the MACC conference in March

Jack suggests meeting a ½ hr early before their meetings. Not all members can make it but agree to try. Doing this until the Town lets them know how to proceed with bylaw changes and regulations.

PUBLIC COMMENT~

Bill Hannigan suggests Judith Schmitz of Mass DEP will be a valuable resource to the committee

HEARINGS

22 Sunset Lane ~ Pursuant to MGL ch 131, s 40 as amended and the Town of Lunenburg Wetlands Protection and Municipal Bylaws here will be a public meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Kerry/Sheila Planitzer. The proposed project is for removal of 4 pine trees just within the 30' No Touch Zone, recommended by Tree Service to remove. Member Carl Luck recused as abutter and left the room. Matt had no problem removing the pines. Members viewed property twice. Applicant wants to increase by 2 trees, 4 pines 1 oak (very bad condition) and 1 ash (no good) He will use a licensed contractor. Applicant is considering replanting a maple tree. Jack Rabbitt suggests replacing 6 trees. Applicant concerned about closeness of trees to house. Ken made a motion to allow removal of trees 6 with a second by Tom Bertram and to replace with 3 trees where ever the applicant choses to plant and to leave stumps alone. The new trees are to be planted by Memorial Day. Passed unanimously

40-86 Summer Street ~ Pursuant to MGL ch 131, s 40 as amended and the Town of Lunenburg Wetlands Protection and Municipal Bylaws there will be a public meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Holly Palmgren of Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (Mike Ursin of Ramaker & Associates, Inc.). The proposed project is for construction of a concrete pole tower to comply with the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008. .

Jessica is representing the MBTA on Summer Street. 2 poles are in buffer zone. Pole to be near rail yard. The exemption it was noted did not apply under by-law only the state regulations.

Summer Street: Safety issue with wetlands surrounding. Matt Marro's recommendation was for a negative determination.. He recommends temporary casing for drilling

a 19ft hole with proximity to wetlands. Also erosion controlling recommended. Spoils will be hauled off site to be tested. Motion to accept plan with above mentioned passed unanimously.

213 Fire Road 16 ~ Pursuant to MGL ch 131, s 40 as amended and the Town of Lunenburg Wetlands Protection and Municipal Bylaws there will be a public meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Holly Palmgren of Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (Mike Ursin of Ramaker & Associates, Inc.). The proposed project is for construction of a concrete pole tower to comply with the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008.

Fire Rd: The wetland is further away than was anticipated. They will use radio equipment to control train. Todd made a motion to approve, Tom Bertram seconded passed unanimous

59 Easter Brook Road ~ Pursuant to MGL ch 131, s 40 as amended and the Town of Lunenburg Wetlands Protection and Municipal Bylaws there will be a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Pamela McKenna (William Hannigan of Hannigan Engineering, Inc.). The proposed project is for Construction of a single family home, with applicable Driveway & Septic System.

Bill Hannigan and Chris Anderson (presenting) All abutters were notified and forms collected. The house, well and septic are outside 100ft. buffer zone. A portion of driveway is in 100 ft zone. Fire Pond is not of concern it is not a wetland. Area cleared only to do perk test. Lot subdivision has easement agreement for new driveway. The contractor will be building the house on top of ground with drive under garage for septic purposes. Also perimeter drain will be around house. Boulders and fence(or some other demarcation) need to be done for perpetual condition of demarcation of wetlands for the east side (30ft buffer zone) Tom Bertram concerned with too much demarcation being done. House is referred to as LOT 5 not 59 Easter Brook Road. Motion by Mr. Rabbitt accepting plan as is with some markers along the 30ft no touch zone based on the flags Chris has identified. Seconded by Mr. Kennedy and was approved unanimously

7 White Street ~ Pursuant to MGL ch 131, s 40 as amended and the Town of Lunenburg Wetlands Protection and Municipal Bylaws here will be a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Ronald P./Patricia A. Boulay (Chris Mossman of Trowbridge Engineering, LLC). The proposed project is for installation of replacement septic system to serve an existing single family home. A temporary gravel road will be installed to access the construction site.

This is an existing single family home. Some members have been on site. Plan of design is in the 30ft no touch zone. Looking to enter property thru Chapdelaines Truck for safety and for tree removal. Trees will not be replaced. Neighbors will sign NOI for approval. Matt does not believe trees need to be replaced. Jack wants the trees replaced. Straw vote all ok with not replacing, except Jack. A suggestion to lower and flatten slope of septic for managing mowing of yard is made. Erosion control is noted on map. Motion made by Mr. Bertram and seconded by Mr. Kennedy Unanimous approval.

113 Youngs Road Lot 2 ~ Pursuant to MGL ch 131, s 40 as amended and the Town of Lunenburg Wetlands Protection and Municipal Bylaws here will be a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Richard Bourne (William Hannigan of Hannigan Engineering Inc.). The proposed project is for construction of a single family home, driveway and associated septic system.

2 new single family homes. Common driveway for both lots entrance of driveway slightly in buffer zone driveway easement over lot 2 for the benefit of lot 3 Hay baled during excavation and also 12" culvert will be installed. Matt Marro recommends approving a standard order. All work can be done on Lot 2. Motion by Brad accept Lot 2 with standard order of conditions. Seconded by Tom Bertram unanimously passed

113 Youngs Road Lot 3 ~ Pursuant to MGL ch 131, s 40 as amended and the Town of Lunenburg Wetlands Protection and Municipal Bylaws here will be a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Richard Bourne (William Hannigan of Hannigan Engineering Inc.). The proposed project is for construction of a single family home, driveway and associated septic system.

A Standard order will apply with the accepted wetland replication area. Motioned by Brad and seconded by Todd Dwyer and passed unanimously

357 Electric Avenue ~ Pursuant to MGL ch 131, s 40 as amended and the Town of Lunenburg Wetlands Protection and Municipal Bylaws here will be a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Jacqueline Agel of Unitil-Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company (Mark Piermarini of Whitman & Bingham). The proposed project is for construction of a 45,000 s.f. facility with driveways, parking and associated grading and utilities.

Mark Bellevue Atty and Tom Murphy Jamie Rheault all present. All abutters were notified. A copy was given to the Board of the old Whalom Drive In site Applicants will be removing approx. 1.5 acres of pavement. There will be a Double culverted entrance and gated parking area. No storage in the front of the building. Storage will be in a fenced in area in buffer zone. Con Com did site walk. All water was sloped toward Electric Avenue. There will be a 30ft no touch zone and a 50ft buffer zone will be basically grass. Entering site all will be paved and completely bermed. The south side will have parking, back side will have transformer storage and pole area storage and pitch away from wetland. All storage areas will be inspected weekly. This back area has temporary storage of materials to use on the job. Plans presented tonight have DEP recommendations. Question: concrete storage walls for storage bins ..how tall will they be? Explanation of filter strip and grass swale described. Judy Schmidt does not want snow storage in vegetative filter strip. Other areas are available for snow storage.

Pole storage area: Pole storage area can be removed from the buffer zone. Drainage from areas will have sheet flow. The area has low impact development due to removal of 1.5 acres of tar. Poles 45ft to 65ft no creosote will be used. They are treated with penta. Old poles are cut and removed from yard. New poles are stored horizontally. There will be active monitoring of poles for dripping every 2 weeks. Transformer liquids are no different than pole liquids monitored every 2 weeks. PCB evaluation area is inside and firm comes in regularly to test. Any unit with PCB goes out for disposal with appropriate environmental certificate. There was a lengthy detailed discussion of filtration of liquids from trucks, poles etc. and how that would be managed on site. Transformer holding area was described at length also. A suggestion of testing that will monitor their design for filtration was made and to start with a baseline first for validity.

Suggestion was made to continue hearing and to forward questions in advance to Whitman and Bingham in the hopes it will speed up the process.

NEW BUSINESS ~

ONGOING BUSINESS

- Holman Street Parking Area**
- Shirley Village Reservoir Drawdown Levels**
- Forest Cutting Plans**
- Regulations and By Law**
- Commission Education**
- Stormwater By Law**
- FY17 Budget**

SIGNATURES ~ OoC(9), CoC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING SCHEDULE ~

PUBLIC COMMENT Paula Bertram commented was the condition back then, as well as now, taken into consideration with the removal of the soil? It is explained by the Unitil rep that the ground is impervious bottom line. A long discussion ensued.

COMMISSION COMMENT ~

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn and continue hearing on the Jan 20th meeting unanimously agreed